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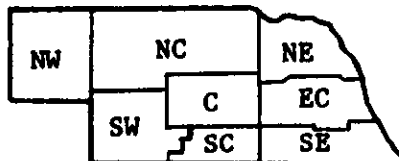
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WEATHER

Precipitation averaged near a tenth of an inch over the Panhandle and north central, 1.25 inches in the east and around a half inch over the remainder of the State. Temperatures were five to eight degrees above normal.

GENERAL

Cloudy days with intermittent rain across most of the State kept harvest operations to a minimum last week. While the moisture supplies did limit row crop harvest activities, the improved moisture supplies "perked up" wheat stands in many areas of the State. Drying conditions will be needed before row crop harvesting can resume in the eastern two-thirds of the State. In some areas, moisture percentages of grain yet to be combined actually increased during the wet weather of this last week. In western counties, the harvesting of dry edible beans was virtually completed. During the week, farmers attentions turned to "rainy day" jobs. Some fences were being put in shape for herds to graze harvested stalk fields. The number of days suitable for fieldwork was 2.2.

Topsoil moisture supplies rated 14% short, 72% adequate and 14% surplus. Subsoil supplies were 54% short, 41% adequate and 5% surplus. A year ago, topsoil moisture rated 33% short, 61% adequate and 6% surplus. Subsoil supplies were 58% short, 40% adequate and 2% surplus.

CROPS

Corn harvesting progressed slowly to 20% complete, behind both 60% last year and 30% average. Harvesting was most advanced in the southeastern counties with near one-third of the acreage combined.

Soybean harvest showed little progress and remained near 30% complete, well behind 60% last year and average.

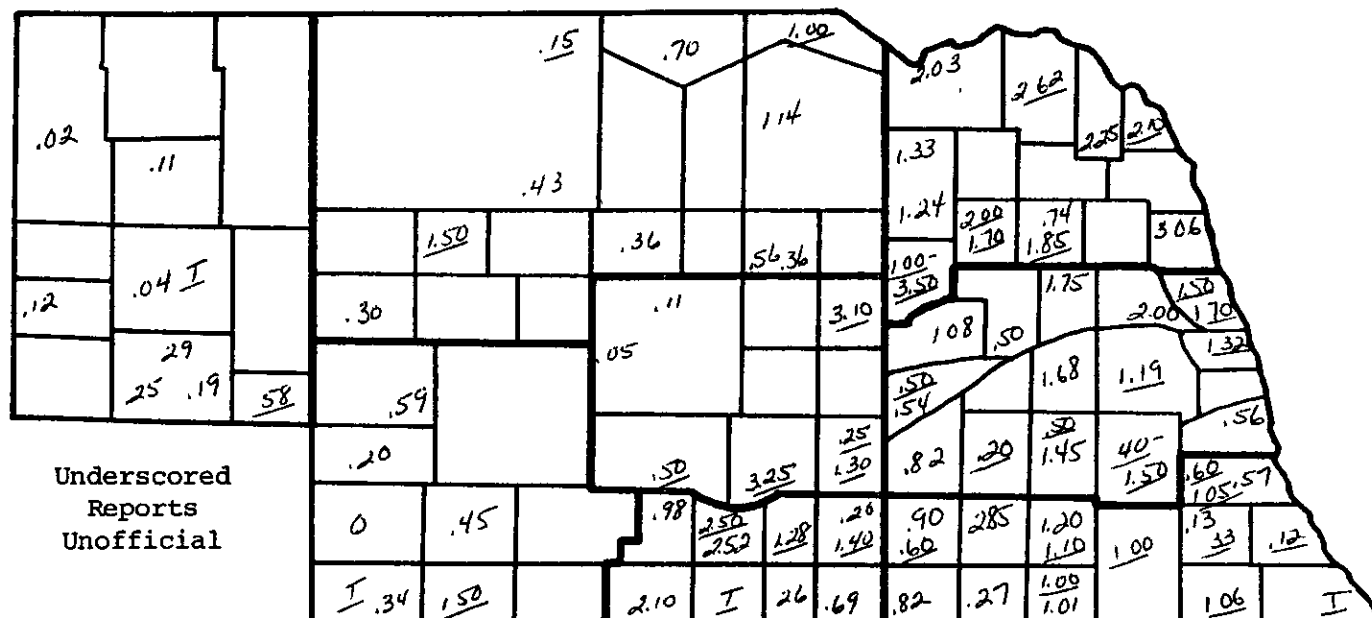
Sorghum harvest also showed little progress and was near 25% as the week closed, with comparisons of 60% combined last year and 40% average.

Winter wheat condition showed a sharp improvement over one week ago, with 10% poor, 26% fair, 63% good and 1% excellent. Emergence was at 85%, compared to 90% a year ago and normal.

LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range feed supplies rated short in about 60% of Nebraska. The improved moisture conditions were expected to prompt some regrowth before the winter months. In addition, as row crop harvest progresses, many stalk fields should provide grazing. Yearling sales were running close to peak volume in some areas.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1984



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1984

Station	Temperature				Precipitation
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches ^{1/}
	Max	Min			
NW Chadron	80	32	57	--	--
Scottsbluff	80	37	57	+4	.02
Sidney	77	37	55	--	--
NC Ord	--	--	--	--	--
Valentine	80	45	59	+7	.10
NE Norfolk	80	54	63	+9	1.50
Sioux City	77	53	63	+8	1.22
CEN Grand Island	77	53	61	+5	.85
EC Lincoln	78	47	62	+5	.95
Omaha	77	50	62	+6	1.28
SW Imperial	--	--	--	--	--
North Platte	76	45	58	+5	.53

^{1/} Precipitation totals not included in map above.

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